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SUBJECT: DISSOLUTION OF FUEL PLATES FROM TSING-HUA
UNIVERSITY

REF: (A) STATE 213296, (B) IAEA VIENNA 7046, (C) STATE 000844

1. CHEN-HWA CHENG, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CHINESE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (CAEC), WAS INFORMED BY EMBOFFS AUGUST 30 OF CONTENTS OF PARAGRAPH 6 OF REF A. CHENG STATED HE UNDERSTOOD FULLY THAT (A) YU SUNG'S LETTER OF OCTOBER 9, 1975 WAS STILL UNDER STUDY, (B) THE U.S. WILL BE IN FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THE ROC ON THIS MATTER, AND (C) A DETERMINATION AS TO SAFEGUARDABILITY AND ACCEPTABILITY OF THE REPROCESSING PLANT FOR REPROCESSING U.S. FUEL WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE BEFORE ANY ROC DISSOLUTION OF U.S. FUEL PLATES COULD TAKE PLACE. HE UNDERSTANDS IAEA SAFEGUARDS APPROVAL APPLY HERE.

2. CHENG REFERRED TO A LETTER WRITTEN BY M. B. KRATZER OF THE US/AEC ON 3 MARCH 1969, WHICH STATED THAT THE ROC MUST INFORM THE AEC "WELL IN ADVANCE OF ANY DISSOLUTION OF ANY IRRADIATED FUEL ELEMENTS". HE SAID THAT YU WEI'S LETTER OF 10 AUGUST 1976 WAS MEANT TO ESTABLISH "WELL IN ADVANCE" THE ROC'S CONTINUED INTEREST IN REPROCESSING AS STATED IN REFS B AND C. THIS LETTER WAS NOT INTENDED TO IMPLY THAT ROC WOULD PROCEED WITHOUT U.S.

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APPROVAL. IT WAS SIMPLY A REAFFIRMATION OF INTEREST IN THE

PROJECT, WHICH WAS BROUGHT TO ERDA ATTENTION ON 9 OCTOBER 1975. MR. CHENG EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE U.S. COULD EXPEDITE A DECISION ON THIS MATTER, WHICH HAS BEEN PENDING FOR ALMOST ONE YEAR. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE RECENT IAEA INSPECTION TEAM HAD CONCLUDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH SAFEGUARDING THE REPROCESSING FACILITY.

3. LETTER IS BEING SENT TO CHENG CONFIRMING THE ABOVE.
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